

**Appeals Modernization
TDVS Guidance_v2, July 23, 2019**

The ***Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017*** or AMA changed VA's claims and appeals processes and decision notification requirements and took effect February 19, 2019.

Which Form Should You Use

Filing a Claim

Initial Claim for Service Connection	VA Form 21-526EZ
Increased Evaluation	VA Form 21-526EZ
A Claim for a Permanent and Total Rating	VA Form 21-526EZ

** <i>(Supplemental Claim)</i> VA notified the claimant of the decision (denying service connection) more than one year ago and you have new and relevant evidence for VA to consider.	VA Form 20-0995
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Disagreeing with a VA Decision

VA notified you of the decision before February 19, 2019	VA Form 21-0958
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<i>(Supplemental Claim)</i> A supplemental claim can be filed on a decision issued before or after February 19, 2019 when you have new and relevant evidence for VA to consider.	VA Form 20-0995
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<i>(Higher Level Review)</i> VA notified the claimant of the decision on or after February 19, 2019 , and you have no new evidence for VA to consider and want to have the decision reviewed by a VA employee.	VA Form 20-0996
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<i>(Board Appeal)</i> VA notified the claimant of the decision on or after February 19, 2019 , and you want to have the decision reviewed by the Board of Veterans' Appeals.	VA Form 10182
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**Disagreeing with a Rapid Appeals Modernization Program
(RAMP) Decision**

VA notified the claimant of the decision made through RAMP either before or after February 19, 2019 , and you want to have the decision reviewed or disagree with the decision.	AMA Forms - VA Form 20-0995; VA Form 20-0996; VA Form 10182
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Opting In to the AMA

VA provided the claimant with a Statement of the Case (SOC) or Supplemental Statement of the Case (SSOC) and the appellate filing deadline has not expired.	AMA Forms - VA Form 20-0995; VA Form 20-0996; VA Form 10182
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The Supplemental Claim replaces reconsiderations and reopening claims with new and material evidence *even when*** the VA notified the claimant of the decision prior to February 19, 2019.